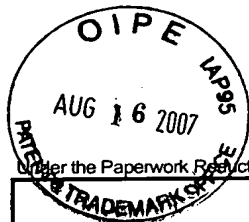


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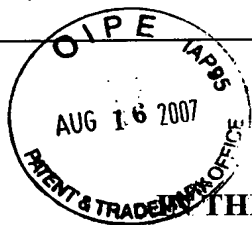
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2007 (Paper No. 20070510), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Status of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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